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Latest News

From Inside TSCA

Democrats Offer To Ease TSCA Freeze On PFAS But Fall Short Of GOP Calls

House Democrats are proposing to narrow a TSCA moratorium on EPA approvals of new per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under a bill headed to the floor July 20, allowing for critical PFAS uses in R&D on drugs, medical devices and personal protective equipment (PPE) though the plan falls short of GOP calls for broader liability exemptions. **FULL STORY**

CBO Sees House PFAS Bill Driving \$280 Million In 'Direct' DOD Costs

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says the comprehensive House bill that would require EPA to list certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as Superfund hazardous substances, among other things, will add an estimated \$280 million to the Defense Department's "direct spending" through 2031 although its costs could be much higher. **FULL STORY**

Former Trump Advisor Urges NAS To Overhaul EPA's NAAQS Framework

Tony Cox, the former Trump-era chairman of a key EPA advisory panel, is urging a special panel of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to overhaul the agency's scientific process for reviewing federal air quality standards even as a top EPA science official is defending the method and suggesting it does not need to be revised. **FULL STORY**

Utilities Urge Congress To Boost Clean Water Infrastructure Spending

Wastewater and stormwater utilities are ramping up pressure on lawmakers to boost spending on clean water infrastructure programs in upcoming bipartisan infrastructure legislation, calling for increased use of grants rather than loans and "direct investment" in EPA and other programs rather than just increasing authorized funding levels. **FULL STORY**

Biofuels Group Suffers Blow In Ruling Over 'Retroactive' RFS Waivers

A coalition of biofuels producers seeking to challenge EPA's issuance of "retroactive" small refinery waivers from renewable fuel standard (RFS) biofuel blending mandates has suffered a serious setback, after an appeals court in broader litigation over the RFS program rejected the group's "broadside attack" on retroactive waivers. **FULL STORY**

Daily Feed

EPA publishes NSR 'correction' rule, starting clock for lawsuits

Publication of the NSR rule starts a 60-day clock for filing suits in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. **FULL STORY**

EPA maintains user fees for e-Manifests for FY22-23

EPA is generally maintaining user fees for the upcoming two fiscal years for electronic hazardous waste manifest submittals, except for a slight drop in fees for certain types of manifests filed. **FULL STORY**

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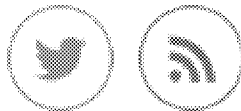
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